

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

WESTERN KENTUCKY GAS CO.,	)	
A DIVISION OF TEXAS AMERICAN	)	
ENERGY,	)	
COMPLAINANT	)	CASE NO. 9278
VS.	)	
ORBIT GAS COMPANY, INC.,	)	
DEFENDANT	)	

O R D E R

On March 1, 1985, the Commission instituted the above styled case to investigate a complaint by Western Kentucky Gas ("Western") regarding the proposed sale of interstate gas by Orbit Gas Company ("Orbit") to Alcan, Inc. Included in this complaint is a request by Western that the Commission issue a Cease and Desist Order preventing Orbit from serving Alcan, Inc.

The principal issue in this complaint is the nature and extent of the Commission's jurisdiction concerning the sale of natural gas by Orbit. Western contends that the sale of natural gas between Orbit and Alcan is a jurisdictional activity that has not been approved by this Commission. Western further contends that Orbit can initiate service to any one of Western's customers, regardless of the Commission's finding in the previously styled case, Case No. 9075.

In order to adequately review the issues in this complaint the Commission is of the opinion and hereby finds that additional information is required from Western to proceed with this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Western shall file the following information with the Commission with a copy to all parties of record, within twenty days of the date of this order. Include with each response the name of the person who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to the information involved.

1. What quantities of natural gas did Western supply to Alcan in 1984 (by month)?

2. What quantities of natural gas has Western supplied to Alcan in each of the months of January through April 1, 1985?

3. What was the cost per Mcf of gas to Alcan during 1984? What has been the cost during 1985?

4. What is the cost to Western of gas it purchases for resale to Alcan?

5. Does the cost of gas to Alcan include a transportation cost? If so, how much?

6. Does Western anticipate losing any industrial customers to Orbit in 1985? If so, whom, and what impact does Western project the loss of these industrial customers will have on its other customers immediately, and during the next two years?

7. In which of Western's supplier zones is Alcan located? Is any locally produced gas included in that supplied to Alcan?

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing shall be held on June 4, 1985, to discuss this information and other related matters in this case.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 30th day of April, 1985.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Richard D. Deman  
Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Secretary